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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

1. DURING VISIT TO SANTIAGO OCTOBER 30 IN CONNECTION WITH CONSULTATIONS ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, DEPASSTSEC BOWDLER ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR PAID COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ADMIRAL CARVAJAL AND FONOFF ECON ADVISER RICARDO CLARO. CARVAJAL EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN PROGRESS ON THIS SUBJECT, NOTING CHILE'S ACTIVE ROLE IN PAST. HE SAID CHILE ENVISAGED TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY EXERCISE AS HELPFUL TO IT IN THREE SPECIAL FIELDS: FIRST, IMPROVEMENTS IN NUTRITION, IN WHICH CHILEANS WERE INTENSELY ENGAGED; SECOND, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, ALSO OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CHILE; AND THIRD, SEARCH FOR NATURAL RESOURCES.

2. REGARDING LAST POINT, FONMIN EXPLAINED THAT CHILE MIGHT WELL HAVE WITHIN ITS TERRITORY SOURCES OF MINERALS AND ENERGY NOT YET DISCOVERED. AN OBVIOUS NEED WAS TO DIMINISH CHILE'S DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED PETROLEUM, ESPECIALLY FROM PRODUCERS OUTSIDE LATIN AMERICA. ENAP, GOC GOVERNMENT PRODUCTION MONOPOLY, LACKED RESOURCES AND ACCESS TO MODERN
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TECHNIQUES, AND WITH CHANGE IN CHILEAN LEGISLATION INTERESTED

OIL COMPANIES, AMERICAN AND OTHERS, MIGHT BE INDUCED TO UNDERTAKE EXPLORATION ON LAND AND SEA ON THE BASIS THAT IF PROSPECTING WERE SUCCESSFUL COMPANY CONCERNED WOULD PARTICIPATE IN EXPLOITATION. THERE WAS ALSO POSSIBILITY CHILE MIGHT POSSESS DEPOSITS OF URANIUM AND OTHER METALS.

3. FONMIN SUGGESTED PROSPECTING BY SATELLITE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN SUCH CASES. BOWDLER SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN AS TO HOW MUCH HELP SATELLITE COULD BE FOR RESOURCES BELOW GROUND LEVEL. PARTICIPANTS AGREED THIS WAS A QUESTION FOR TECHNICIANS, AND THAT NEW INTER-AMERICAN INITIATIVES ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN CONNECTION WITH PROBLEMS THEY HAD DISCUSSED.
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